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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the November 14, 2008 Office Action issued for the above-referenced patent application.

The Office Action states that claims 1-33 are restricted into the following groups.

Group I. Claims 1-20, drawn to a method for amplification of a target RNA sequence.

Group II. Claims 21 and 23-33, drawn to a primer comprising a hybridizing sequence, an anchor binding sequence and a kit thereof.

Group III. Claim 22, drawn to a primer comprising a transcription enhancing sequence or an amplification enhancing sequence, and a hybridizing sequence of 7-14 nucleotides.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-20), without traverse and preserve the right to file divisional applications directed to each group of claims not elected herein.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will

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expedite the search and examination of the pending claims and their allowance to issue.

No fee is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

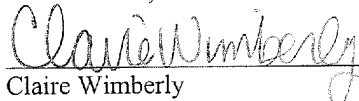


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